

# The Messenger



May 2025

*The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club*

Next Meeting

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**May 3rd**  
**Room available 10:00AM**  
**Meeting starts 2:00PM**  
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## ***What You Missed at Our April Meeting:***

Members in Attendance: 40 Members and 1 Guest

President – No Report

First Vice President – No Report

Second Vice President – No Report

Treasurer – Nine members still have not paid dues. Suggestion is to send a notice to each and if we do this to include the sign-up form so they can send it back with their dues. May 15<sup>th</sup> the 990 report is due and next month we are looking for someone to do the internal audit.

Librarian – No report.

Historian – No report. President noted that he saw an MPS coin up for sale on eBay.

Newsletter – Jim has a lot going this month and needs people to send in articles to help fill out the newsletter with articles.

Old Business – We need people to sign up to help out at the stamp show. Rick Karlslyst noted the dealers list. Ads have been put into the Topical Times, American Philatelic Society and Linns. We are asking others to put flyers in various places such as bulletin boards at libraries, grocery stores, post offices and other places you think may be appropriate. If you need flyers contact Rick. Next month we are looking for volunteers to manage greeting and sign up of guests at the front desk for the show. Thursday before the show we will need help with set up around 3 pm. and at Saturday tear down.

New Business – Jim McKinzie went to the Saint Louis show and gave a short report. He noted that there will be a First Day Ceremony for the “Good Night Moon” stamps. This will take place at the Rabbit Hole Museum in North Kansas City on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am. Jim also mentioned that he will start to sell his stamps at E & D Auctions Tuesday through Friday. This will begin in a couple weeks.

Show and Tell – Bill Johnson showed a politically incorrect cover. Dale Smith showed an envelope he received over 4 weeks late and it looked like it had been run over multiple times. Victor Ellison showed a postcard mailed during the worlds fair and gave a short history about the item. Fred Reynolds talked about a “WWII Remembered” book and how they sell very well online. Armen Hovsepian showed an envelope sent by a friend that was paid for with a metered stamp which made him think about the 11,000,000 express stamps that are printed and how very few are put on packages like the one he received. So, why print so many stamps that are rarely used. Rodger McReynolds demonstrated a “Digital Microscope” you can purchase for \$10- \$12 on TEMU which works fantastic and is also portable.

Presentation was by Rick Karlslyst, “Interesting Latvian Postal History”

Respectively submitted by Perry Kilpatrick

**Join us on**  
**May 3, 2025 for Fred Reynolds program on**  
**“Census of the First Ottoman Postal Issue on Cover ”**

# Meeting Location and Time:

## MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society

MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, May 3rd  
Meeting is to be held at 1st Presbyterian Church-Westminster Hall  
417 W Lexington Ave  
Independence, MO 64050

10:00am—1pm Dealers and members, buy, sell and trade.  
1:00pm— 2pm Auction Lots displayed and available to view.  
2:00pm—5pm Business meeting, show-n-tell and club auction.

*We must be out by 5pm, so be ready to bid, pay with cash and pickup your auction lots.*

### **What you will find if you come early to the meeting:**

Several members with material for sale. Bring your want lists. Let those members know what you are looking for ahead of the meeting. It is hard to bring it all, for some.

## **Philatelic Happenings:**

May 23-25  
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show  
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds  
25690 East Quincy Ave.  
Aurora, CO  
Friday & Saturday 10-6pm, Sunday 10-3  
30 dealers with 40 tables scheduled

May 30-31  
The Greater Kansas City Stamp Show  
1st Presbyterian Church-Westminster Hall  
417 W Lexington Ave  
Independence, MO 64050  
Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm  
11 dealers with 18 tables scheduled

*Coming in May*  
E and D Stamp Auction  
Check website for the date!  
79 E US Highway 69  
Claycomo, MO 64119

<https://eanddstamps.com/>



**Please update your membership information by filling out the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Then turn in at our next meeting to Hans (Treasurer) or mail to him with your dues. If you have already done so, THANKS!**

***This will be your last newsletter if you have not updated your membership this year.***

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is

[www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com)

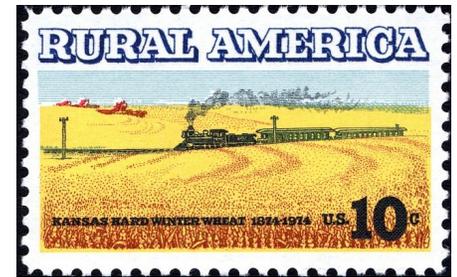
*Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.*

## Philatelic Ramblings:

This would have been a shortened newsletter this month if not for Neil and Andrea. Why? Because I just got back from a trip to Kentucky with my cousin and her husband. We, along with some friends of theirs, went on the Bourbon Trail. We had a great tour of three distilleries in the Louisville and Bardstown area. Yes, that is me dipping my purchases at the Maker's Mark Distillery in hot, red wax. I wish I remembered the very nice lady that assisted me. She was very patient with this idiot who had no clue what he was doing. The distillery and grounds were very beautiful. There is beautiful artwork throughout the facility. Lots of the artist Dale Chihuly's glass art work. One of the Samuels family, who founded and own Maker's Mark calls the lighting display pictured to the right their \$3 million light fixture.



Susie and I with her husband Doug to the left at the Cuban place.



US #1506  
Wheat Fields and Train

We didn't just drink bourbon. We ate at a wonderful Cuban restaurant one night and had the best Mojito's ever.

Because I knew I had a newsletter to get out when I got home, I of course was thinking stamps the whole time, mostly! As each distillery was explaining the grain content in each bourbon, I thought of some of the many great stamps surrounding those grains. To be called a Bourbon Whiskey, there must be at least 51% of corn in the mash and stored in a new charred oak barrel. Most bourbons have a remaining mixture of rye and wheat. Some have more wheat and others more rye. Rye gives it a spicier taste, while a wheated bourbon like Maker's Mark and Weller's from Buffalo Trace are smoother. You could make a great topical collection around the grain stamps and other products used in the making of Bourbon. Think oak and copper besides the grains. Bourbon County Kentucky, which was originally part of Virginia, was named after the French House of Bourbon in gratitude for Louis XVI of France's assistance during the American Revolutionary War. There are several good French stamps honoring the Bourbon family of France.

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France #1134  
Founder of Reunion

We also went to Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger Museum. Both were very interesting and again I thought of stamps. A great trip and lots of fun. I



could share so much more but I think you get the idea.



The picture at the right was taken at the last meeting. Armen had hundreds of packets on a table for a free giveaway. So naturally the stamp "vultures" were hovering around the table, picking at the table of stamps. I say, vultures, very lovingly to my fellow stamp club members.

See what you miss when you don't show up to a meeting. Always a great day of fun!

JMc



### Boston World Expo 2026 Looking for Stamp Donations:

If you have extra stamps laying around used or new that you just don't know what to do with, consider donating them to the big International Stamp Show being held in Boston 2026. They are looking for off paper donations for youth and beginners' areas during the show. We will collect any of your donations and send them in at the appropriate time, at the end of this year. Jim will collect and store them for our group. There is a show in Latvia being held in 2026 also but they are receiving on paper also. It was suggested that we collect both and send out the off-paper to Boston and the on-paper to Latvia.

Please separate your donations by US and non-US for what is sent to Boston. Tongs and glassines are welcome also.

Let's send the biggest box ever!



## ***The Great Adventure – An order handled by USPS by Andrea Smith***

On March 29, I ordered 2 packets of seeds from Burpee Seed Company which is in Warminster, Pennsylvania. Burpee thanked me for my order and sent me a USPS tracking number. I was anxious to get the seeds so we could get them in the ground.

Thinking my order would arrive in the mail soon, on April 2, I checked the tracking number. My \$13. Order of garden seed packets were having quite a trip to my home in Kansas City, Missouri. This was the tracking information, as provided by USPS:

**Arrived Shipping Partner Facility, USPS Awaiting Item**

03-31-25, 09:40 PM  
SWEDESBORO NJ

**Picked Up By Shipping Partner, USPS Awaiting Item**

04-01-25, 07:50 PM  
WARMINSTER PA

**Departed Shipping Partner Facility, USPS Awaiting Item**

04-02-25, 11:57 AM  
SWEDESBORO NJ

**Accepted at USPS Regional Origin Facility**

04-02-25, 03:41 PM  
TRENTON NJ DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Arrived at USPS Regional Origin Facility**

04-02-25, 04:56 PM  
TRENTON NJ DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Arrived at USPS Regional Facility**

04-02-25, 10:25 PM  
SAINT LOUIS MO DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Departed USPS Regional Facility**

04-03-25, 04:35 AM  
TRENTON NJ DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**In Transit to Next Facility**

04-03-25, 05:27 AM

**Arrived at USPS Regional Facility**

04-03-25, 05:31 AM  
SOUTH JERSEY NJ DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Departed USPS Regional Facility**

04-03-25, 05:33 AM  
SOUTH JERSEY NJ DISTRIBUTION CENTER

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**In Transit to Next Facility**

04-03-25, 11:26 AM

**In Transit to Next Facility**

04-03-25, 05:37 PM

**In Transit to Next Facility**

04-04-25, 05:41 AM

**Arrived at USPS Regional Facility**

04-04-25, 07:59 AM

KANSAS CITY KS DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Departed USPS Regional Facility**

04-04-25, 09:20 AM

SAINT LOUIS MO DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Departed USPS Regional Facility**

04-05-25, 04:51 AM

KANSAS CITY KS DISTRIBUTION CENTER

**Arrived at Post Office**

04-05-25, 06:29 AM

KANSAS CITY MO

**Out for Delivery**

04-05-25, 07:10 AM

KANSAS CITY MO

**Delivered, In/At Mailbox**

**Your item was delivered in or at the mailbox at 1:09 pm on April 5, 2025 in KANSAS CITY, MO 64155.**

04-05-25, 02:09 PM

KANSAS CITY MO

My seeds arrived in good condition while I was at the April MPS meeting. I hope they will be comfortable in the ground after all that trip.

*From the editor—Isn't it sad that we all could probably share very similar stories about packages and letters and the shipping problems of the USPS. I know I can!*



**You can make hotel reservations now. Multiple hotels have been secured for the big International show. If you plan on going it is not too early to secure your room. Go to the following website to do so:**

<https://web.cvent.com/event/bbbdc1d9-e50e-44dd-8bef-eb36c9d1251f/summary>

**#28 Tasmania**

Anyone who wishes to see a Tasmanian devil in its natural habitat will need to travel 150 miles south of Australia to the 26,215 sq. mi. island named after its Dutch discoverer, Abel Tasman, who landed in Blackman Bay in 1642. He originally named it Van Diemen's Land. He may never have seen a Tasmanian devil, but found the land occupied by Aborigines (estimated at about 7,000) who have lived there for over 40,000 years. It wasn't until 1803 that a permanent settlement of Europeans was established when a British military outpost was established, occupied by only 50 people, 24 of whom were convicts from England. Over the next 16 years more than 75,000 convicts were shipped to the island, about 40% of the new arrivals. By 1830, due to battles, mass killings and disease, only about 300 Aborigines remained. In 1856 Van Diemen's Land became a British Colony and was renamed Tasmania. In 1901 Tasmania joined the Commonwealth of Australia.



Tasmania #1 & 2b, 1853

The first postage stamps of Van Diemen's Land were seen in 1853 with 1p and 4p imperforate designs featuring Queen Victoria (as did all other stamps issued up to 1899). The Chalon portrait was featured on stamps first issued in 1855 in 1p, 2p and 4p denominations. In 1858 two new frame designs in 6p and 1sh denoms arrived with the new name "Tasmania." All five of those appeared imperforated, in two papers, unwatermarked and watermarked, and in several different perforation sizes and types until 1868 (Scott #4 – 47B). 1870 saw a new design with denominations up to 5sh with three different

perfs and six watermarks, up to 1905. Twelve stamps of this issue received various surcharged between 1889 and 1904. A new issue in 1892 offered 10 denominations up to 1899 and two high-valued stamps re-issued in 1905 with a different watermark. Finally, in 1899-1900, an eight stamp engraved set picturing scenes of Tasmania was issued. Four denominations, along with a 9p from 1871 and 1sh from 1892, were reprinted in 1902-3, lithographed or typographed. 1905-08 brought us a typographed



#12, 1860 & #15, 1865

printing of ten with a "Crown over A" watermark; the 2p, 4p and 6p were redrawn in 1911 and the 2p surcharged to 1p in 1912.



#61, 1878 & #85, 1892



#92, 1899

## New issues for May 2025:

**U.S. Army 250th**

**U.S. Navy 250th**

**U.S. Marine Corps 250th**

Forever First Class Rate

One design on each pane-Pane of 20

Issue Date May 16th

First Day of Issue City:

Washington, D.C.

Print Quantity—18,000,000 for each pane

*A First Day Ceremony is planned at Freedom Plaza, 1325 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20004 on Friday, May 16th, at 11am E.D.T.*

*The Army, Navy and Marines were created during the Revolutionary War as the American colonies fought for independence. The stamps were designed by art director Antonio Alcalá. All three will be on automatic distribution to the post offices around the country.*



## **Baby Wild Animals**

Forever First Class Rate

Ten designs-Double-sided Booklet of 20

Issue Date May 23rd

First Day of Issue City:

Aurora, CO

Print Quantity—160,000,000

*If going to the Denver-Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, here is a first day ceremony you can attend. The issue offers a whimsical, eye-catching design(USPS description) of 10 stamps showing baby wild animals from across the U.S. Including elements suggesting the habitat or behavior of each one. Tracy Walker designed and created the artwork by digitally layering colored shapes on solid backgrounds. Greg Breeding provided art direction. There will be no automatic distribution.*



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## Goodnight Moon

Forever First Class Rate  
Eight Designs-Booklet Pane of 16  
Issue Date May 2nd  
First Day of Issue City:  
North Kansas City, MO  
Print Quantity-20,000,000

*First published in 1947, "Goodnight Moon" remains a favorite bedtime story for families everywhere. The book celebrates everyday rituals rather than fantasy. This iconic picture book revolutionized children's book publishing. Eight images from the book, which was illustrated by Clement Hurd and written by Margaret Wise Brown, is depicted on the pane of 16.*



The pane at the left will be issued on May 2nd in North Kansas City!

There is a First Day Ceremony scheduled to be at the Rabbit Hole in North Kansas City. This museum celebrates and brings to life a century of American children's literature for visitors of all ages. Spanning three floors, the Rabbit Hole brings countless works of children's literature to life.

You are encouraged to register at: [usps.com/goodnightmoonstamps](https://usps.com/goodnightmoonstamps) if planning on attending.

*Goodnight Moon* is an American children's book written by Margaret Wise Brown and illustrated by Clement Hurd. It was first published on September 3, 1947, and is a highly acclaimed bedtime story. The Rabbit Hole, while founded in 2015, is quickly becoming a popular and well-known museum dedicated to children of all ages. The Rabbit Hole was founded by Pete Cowdin and Debbie Pettid, longtime artists and operators of the Reading Reptile. A children's bookstore for nearly 30 years in the KC area.



Inside the Rabbit Hole Museum

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Neil B. & Andrea S. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the June issue will be May 10th.** Happy stamping! *Jim Mc*

# The Greater Kansas City Stamp Show May 30-31st 2025

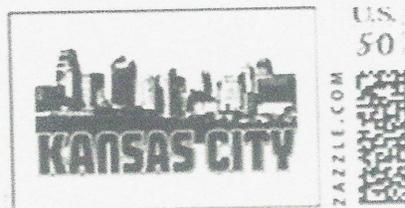
**Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church...Westminster Hall**  
**417 W Lexington Ave**  
**Independence MO 64050**

**Time: 10am-5pm Friday**  
**10am-4pm Saturday**



MSDA, ATA Dealers represented  
Dealers List and more Info:

[Midwest Philatelic Society](http://www.midwestphilatelic.com)  
[www.gladstonestampclub.org](http://www.gladstonestampclub.org)  
<https://eanddstamps.com/gladstone.html>



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